

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you real stories of people from Colorado and their experiences with our health care system and why we need to reform it.

Gary Laura from Denver shared a compelling story with me, and I wanted to share that with you on the floor of the House of Representatives. Gary has worked in public health for 24 years. First, he was a public health adviser in New Orleans. He saw firsthand the issues that face individuals who don't have health care. Many individuals who, if they had a public option for health care, Gary believes, would seek out preventative care, would be diagnosed before a condition is too expensive or too difficult to treat.

Gary shares that in the old Charity Hospital, people would have to have limbs removed because they never had access to preventative care and they show up in the emergency room as a last resort. It's a very common problem across our great country. When an individual doesn't have access to preventative care, as the story I shared earlier about the woman who had spinal cancer, didn't have insurance, wasn't diagnosed until it was too late and left it to her mother to share that story which I hope becomes a legacy that helps pass health care reform in this country.

But this happens far too often and costs all of us more. When somebody is uninsured and doesn't have access to preventative care, goes in after the fact and has to have a limb removed because of untreated diabetes or any other condition, it costs us all more. Those costs are passed along to those of us who have insurance, resulting in higher insurance premiums for the rest of us. That is why we need to pass comprehensive health care reform.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. LOWEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, September 16 and 17.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 16 and 17.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, September 15.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, September 16 and 17.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled Joint Resolution of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 9. Providing for the appointment of France A. Córdova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 14, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3245. A letter from the Acting Farm Bill Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Conservation Stewardship Program (RIN: 0578-AA43) received August 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3246. A letter from the Acting Farm Bill Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Environmental Quality Incentives Program (RIN: 0578-AA45) received August 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3247. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 1-Naphthaleneacetic Acid Ethyl Ester; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0373; FRL-8428-3] received August 27, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3248. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Avermectin B1 and its delta-8,9-isomer; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0806 FRL-8427-3] received August 27, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3249. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Carbon Black; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0129; FRL-8426-3] received August 27, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3250. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Inert Ingredients; Extension of Effective Date of Revocation of Certain Tolerance Exemptions with Insufficient Data for Reassessment [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0601; FRL-8431-8], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3251. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Spinetoram; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0805; FRL-8426-9] received August 27, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3252. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — TRICARE: Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), Changes Included in the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007; Authorization of Forensic Examinations [DOD-2007-HA-0127] (RIN: 0720-AB18) received August 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3253. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Capital-Residential Mortgage Loans Modified Pursuant to the Making Home Affordable Program (RIN: 3064-AD42) received August 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3254. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Procedures To Enhance the Accuracy and Integrity of Information Furnished to Consumer Reporting Agencies Under Section 312 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (RIN: 3064-AC99) received August 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3255. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2009 Enterprise Transition Affordable Housing Goals (RIN: 2590-AA25) received August 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3256. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Truth in Savings (RIN: 3133-AD57) received August 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3257. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Credit Union Reporting (RIN: 3133-AD56) received August 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3258. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulation S-AM: Limitations on Affiliate Marketing [Release Nos. 34-60423, IC-28842, IA-2911; File No. S7-29-04] (RIN: 3235-AJ24) Received August 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3259. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.133B Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers and 84.133E Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers received August 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

3260. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for General Services Fluorescent Lamps and Incandescent Reflector Lamps [Docket Number: EE-2006-STD-0131] (RIN: 1904-AA92) received August 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.